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TAGS: ECIN, SELA, EC
SUBJECT: SELA ACTION COMMITTEES

REFS: A) STATE 280495 (REPEAT OF CARACAS 11178)
B) STATE 289475

1. EMBOFF MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS
POINTS RAISED IN REFTELS A AND B. MINISTRY OFFICIALS LISTED
PRESENT AND FUTURE SELA ACTION COMMITTEES AS FOLLOWS:
GUATEMALA CITY (GUATEMALA AID); MEXICO CITY (FERTILIZERS);
CARACAS (FOODSTUFFS); PANAMA CITY (ARTESAN PRODUCTS);
QUITO (HOUSING AND BUILDINGS OF SOCIAL INTEREST); LIMA
(FISH PRODUCTS); MONTEVIDEO (MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS);
AND BUENOS AIRES (FOODGRAINS).

2. ECUADOR NOW BELONGS TO THE COMMITTEES ON GUATEMALA AID,
ARTESAN PRODUCTS, FISH PRODUCTS, AND HOUSING. IT MAY ALSO
JOIN THE FERTILIZER COMMITTEE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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3. THE IDEA FOR THE HOUSING COMMITTEE WAS FIRST
PROPOSED IN QUITO IN JULY 1976, ACCOUNTING FOR ITS
LOCATION. THE COMMITTEE'S CONSTITUTIONAL ACT WAS
ADOPTED IN MAY 1977. MEMBERS ARE ECUADOR, COSTA RICA,
PANAMA, GUATEMALA, AND PERU. FUTURE MEMBERSHIP REMAINS
OPEN TO ALL SELA MEMBERS. A SR. CHARPANTIER, COSTA
RICAN, CURRENTLY HEADS THE COMMITTEE. AN ACTION PROGRAM

WAS ADOPTED IN OCTOBER 1977. PRESENTLY THE SELA PERMANENT SECRETARIAT IN CARACAS IS CONSIDERING APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM.

4. MINISTRY OFFICIALS ENVISAGE THE COMMITTEE AS A MEANS TO EXCHANGE TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERT HELP. ECUADOREAN INSTITUTIONS WHICH DETERMINE ECUADOR'S POSITION IN THE COMMITTEE INCLUDE THE NATIONAL HOUSING BOARD, THE NATIONAL PLANNING BOARD, THE MINISTRY OF FINANCES, AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. OTHER ECUADOREAN INSTITUTIONS MAY PRESENT POINTS OF VIEW AT OPEN MEETINGS, BUT MAY NOT VOTE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: MINISTRY OFFICIALS WERE VERY INTERESTED IN FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER'S 1975 OFFER OF U.S. ASSISTANCE (REFTEL A, PARA B), NOTING THAT THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF SUCH AN OFFER. PLEASE TRANSMIT TO THE EMBASSY RELEVANT MATERIALS FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S USE.
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